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In re Application of : Christopher J. Vroman
Application No. : 10/677,706
Group Art Unit : 1756
Examiner : Ruggles, John S.
Filing Date : October 2, 2003

For: Membrane and Reticle-Pellicle Apparatus with purged Pellicle-to-Reticle Gap Using Same

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is a reply to the Office Action, dated June 23, 2005, which issued in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants petition the Commissioner for a one month extension of time from September 23, 2005 to October 23, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a). The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 501-908 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) for any deficiency or overpayment of fees necessary for this extension. This Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and a copy of ISO 4022 is attached following page 11 of this paper.